

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Christopher Mark Fanning, 2004 Valedictorian of Huntland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mark Fanning is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Huntland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Fanning has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Chris Fanning has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning has been an active and important part of numerous noteworthy organizations, including the Art Club, Beta Club, which he served as Treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, Interact Club, and National Honor Society, which he served as Treasurer; he has also been selected as a Class Officer every year; and

WHEREAS, his success has extended beyond the classroom as Chris Fanning is a gifted athlete who has played a vital role on the Basketball team, the Baseball team, and the Football team; for his prowess on the baseball diamond and football field, Mr. Fanning has earned several awards and honors, including selection for the Baseball All-District Team and the Football All-Mid-State Team, the All-Area Team, and All-Region Team; the 6A Runningback of the Year Award; an All-State Football Team Honorable Mention; and placement as a Top Ten Finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen, Chris has lent his support to Operation Noel, Adopt An Angel, Reverse Trick or Treating, and the Salvation Army as a Bell Ringer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Chris Fanning's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mark and Vickie Fanning, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Huntland High School Valedictorian, Christopher Mark Fanning, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.